



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

May 7, 2004

WHEREAS, our children are our most precious and valuable resource, and providing high-quality early childhood services, such as child care, is an investment in our children's future, as well as the future of our state; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota will join parents and organizations nationwide in recognizing child care providers for their efforts in caring for the children of working parents; and

WHEREAS, of the 21 million children under age 6 in America, 13 million are in child care at least part time. An additional 24 million school-age children are in some form of child care outside of school time; and

WHEREAS, by calling attention to the importance of high-quality child care services for all children and families in our state, North Dakota Child Care Providers, Inc. and other organizations hope to improve the quality and availability of such services; and

WHEREAS, it takes a special person to work in child care, and their contribution to our children's future is worthy of the highest respect; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 7, 2004, **PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State